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1. Authority

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the Applicant cites to the Examiner documents containing information which, in good-faith judgment of the Applicant, may be relevant to the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application. The Applicant also encloses copies of the English-language cited documents.

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A copy of the PCT International Search Report from a counterpart application is enclosed. Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 accompany this information statement. Cumulative patents or publications identified in the attached PCT Search Report are not enclosed.

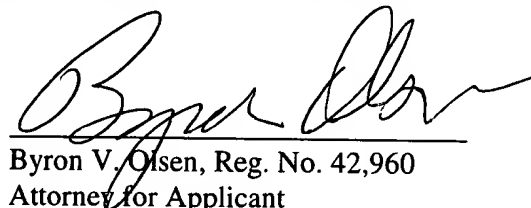
The Applicant respectfully requests that:

- a. The Examiner consider the cited information in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the pending claims; and
- b. The enclosed Form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information in the attorney's file.

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